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In re Patent Application of	)	
Earl F. Crandall et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2879
Application No.: 10/817,181	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: April 2, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 2399
For: COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMP	)	

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for acceptance of this application on the grounds that one of the joint inventors cannot be located. This petition is accompanied by the following items:

1. Declaration signed by the other inventors; and
2. Declaration of James LaBarre, setting forth the pertinent facts in the effort to reach the missing inventor.

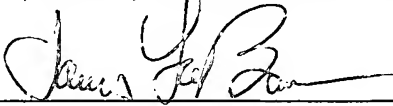
The non-signing inventor is Christopher M. Hobbs. The last known address for Mr. Hobbs was:

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Alexandria, VA 22310

As set forth in the accompanying Declaration of James LaBarre, a diligent effort has been made to contact Mr. Hobbs, but has not been successful thus far. Acceptance of the application with the non-signing inventor is respectfully requested. The Examiner is authorized to charge the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(h) to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,  
BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: January 18, 2005

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**DECLARATION OF JAMES LABARRE**

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Sir:

I, the undersigned James LaBarre, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney in the firm of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis. The subject application was filed by another attorney who is no longer with our firm. I recently assumed responsibility for the prosecution of the application.

2. Upon inspection of the file in connection with preparing a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, there is a letter dated July 8, 2004, to Mr. Hobbs forwarding a Declaration for signature (copy attached as Exhibit A). The file does not contain a Declaration signed by Mr. Hobbs, or any other form of response to the letter.

3. The best information I have regarding the current whereabouts of Mr. Hobbs, which was provided to me by another one of the inventors, Earl Crandall, is that Mr. Hobbs is living and working in Alexandria, Virginia. A first Internet search was performed to locate Mr. Hobbs telephone number in Alexandria. A printout showing the results of that search is attached as Exhibit B. I called each of the two numbers and was informed that the person at that number was not the Mr. Hobbs of concern.

4. Further internet searches were performed to identify telephone numbers for other locations in Northern Virginia associated with the name Chris or Christopher Hobbs. Separate prints were not made of these search results, but the cities and phone numbers were written at the bottom of the first search, Appendix B. Four numbers were identified and I called each one. The number for Manassas, Virginia was not associated with the Mr.


Hobbs of interest. There were no answers at the other three numbers, and I left messages explaining the purpose of my call. I have not received a response to any of those messages.

5. Mr. Crandall also provided me with the last known cell phone number and personal e-mail address for Mr. Hobbs. I did not get an answer at the cell phone number, and left a voice-mail message. I also sent an e-mail message. I have not received a response to either of these messages.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Further, these statements are being made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that any such willful false statements or the like may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent application and any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,  
BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

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July 8, 2004

**Exhibit A**

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/817,181  
"Compact Fluorescent Lamp"  
Earl F. Crandall et al.  
Our Reference: 033859-008

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

Further to our letter of April 5, 2004, forwarding a copy of the above-identified application as filed, we have now received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. An executed Declaration is due in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by **August 18, 2004**. To this end, enclosed please find a Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney document. Please sign and date the document and return it to us for filing by the **August 18, 2004**, due date.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Thomas".

Ted Thomas

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## FIND A PERSON

Last Name *Required*

First Name

Street

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TIP: Try the 1st 4 letters

TIP: Try just the 1st letter

TIP: Don't include St, Ave, etc

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Maps &amp; Directions | Did you go to school with C O Hobbs?

20-Year Personal History of C O Hobbs

More Info on C O Hobbs. Free Preview!

Find a Nearby Business

Hobbs, Christopher

NO

6103 Pine Grove Cir  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22303

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